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I am contacting you regarding the government's initiative to roll out 5G nationwide and expand wireless while giving telephone companies the opportunity to discontinue support for landline infrastructure (or POTS over the PSTN). I hope you will strongly reconsider the decision you made on July 14th to approve 5G in the United States. Wireless is severely detrimental to health, and it is also detrimental to performance and our lifestyle. Wireless is a largely unnecessary and useless technology. Landlines are far better than the alternatives – landlines work in a power outage, landlines are more comfortable to use, landlines are easier to use, you can have many extensions on the same line, landlines can be shared by multiple people since they are tied to a place rather than a person. I can't even find any payphones anywhere – we should work on expanding landline infrastructure, not getting rid of it! The only reason that landlines seem to be a bad idea is because of the cost – because they are the most reliable and provide the highest quality, the copper wires are, I admit, expensive to maintain. That is why I am working with the Save Landlines coalition at www.savelandlines.org to push for a reform and to also reinstate the Bell System that existed prior to 1984, but this time as a non-profit, worker's collective organization that will exist solely to provide the best landline service possible. Wireless is NOT the way forward. There are severe health effects of Wi-Fi and cell phones. Expanding 5G, which is much denser than 4G and much more harmful to health, as well as public Wi-Fi which is also bad for health, is extremely bad and unhealthy, as well as inconsiderate to those who are smart and choose not to use wireless. Technology everywhere is simply unnecessary – consumers don't need to be connect 24/7. When I buy my dream home, I want it somewhere where there is no cell service – I looked at a map of cell towers and it seems like everywhere in the US – there is now a cell tower, which is just unbelievable. You guys at the FCC really have your priorities wrong. You should be banning wireless. Wi-Fi and cell phones do nothing but harm – people just text and drive and they no longer socialize with each other. We need to go back to a time of landlines in every home, office and cubicle, and payphones at every corner. People just are too inconsiderate – this microwave radiation everywhere isn't good for anyone. And apart from the health concerns, wireless is simply inferior to wired implementations - I for one don't believe in portability of technology. I don't constantly move around on the telephone, and desktops stay in one place. Desktops are more powerful than laptops. Landlines are better telephones than cable phones, VoIP, satellite, and cellular. The only advantage of mobile technology is that it is portable. But not everyone needs or wants it to be portable. I like fixed technology. This doesn't just apply to seniors – I am part of the younger generation in our country. Landlines are for everyone. In an emergency, anyone can go pick up the receiver and dial 911 – whether on a rotary telephone or a touchtone, it's obvious how and it's easy (landline users can also dial 0 for the operator). Landlines boast many advantages, more of which you can review at www.interlinked.x10host.com/projects/landlines, as well as www.savelandlines.org

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I urge you to reconsider your actions. Moving away from landlines is the worst idea possible. A cell phone in a supermarket as their business line makes no sense. A landline makes complete sense. We could all get by with landlines, but we could not all get by with cell phones. Cell phones cause cancer,

and do nothing good for society. We don't need all this inferior interconnectivity. Landlines are better at making calls than a cell phone and computers are better at anything else than a cell phone. Essentially, smartphones are useless, and cell phones in general are also just plain stupid. Maybe they have a niche — but it is much smaller than what society has led people to believe. In Hurricane Sandy, anyone without a landline was left disconnected. Moving away from landlines, from WIRES to WIRELESS is not a step forward — it is a step BACKWARDS!!! Remember when we went from rabbit ears to Cable TV — that was a step forward! If only the cell phone had been invented first and the landline were invented today — it would be hailed as a great technology. Just because copper is old does not mean landlines are obsolete. For instance, landlines provide 911 operators with what the need to know, etc...

5G is unnecessary. Cell phone users don't have any need for internet connectivity. And don't say that, oh, it's faster. Copper doesn't need to be faster. A telephone conversation over copper is already as fast as it can get. You don't need more data to go through the wires at the same time. Leave the internet out of telephones. And let's move forward America, not backwards!